

PRESS RELEASE
IOWA BOARD OF MEDICINE
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Recently, the Iowa Board of Medicine took the following action:

Luis A. Barrios, M.D., a 64 year-old physician who practiced medicine in Clinton, Iowa, voluntarily surrendered his Iowa medical license to resolve a pending disciplinary investigation. On January 6, 1994, the Board placed Dr. Barrios on probation for a period of five years due excessive alcohol use. On April 2, 2008, Dr. Barrios entered into a combined Statement of Charges and Settlement Agreement with the Board. The Board charged Dr. Barrios for engaging in an inappropriate sexual relationship with a female patient and inappropriately prescribing controlled substances to numerous patients in violation of the laws and rules governing the practice of medicine in Iowa. Dr. Barrios voluntarily surrendered his Iowa medical license to resolve the matter.

Richard P. Michaelson, M.D., a 48 year-old psychiatrist who practiced in Muscatine, Iowa, had his Iowa medical license indefinitely suspended by the Board. On August 11, 2006, Dr. Michaelson entered into a physician health contract with the Iowa Physician Health Program (IPHP) for substance abuse monitoring. On July 18, 2007, the Board charged Dr. Michaelson with violating the physician health contract that he entered into with the IPHP. On December 12, 2007, the Board placed Dr. Michaelson on indefinite probation subject to substance abuse monitoring. On April 2, 2008, Dr. Michaelson entered into a combined Statement of Charges and Settlement Agreement with the Board. The Board charged Dr. Michaelson with violating numerous terms and conditions of his probation, including testing positive for alcohol. Under the terms of the Settlement Agreement, the Board indefinitely suspended Dr. Michaelson's Iowa medical license.